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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 4499

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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1. DURING MY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS ON SEP 12, HE
GAVE ME FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT HIS FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. HE IS NOW PLANNING TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SEP 25 AND "START
WORKING" ON MONDAY, SEP 26. HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO BE IN THE
UNITED STATES UNTIL OCT 7; ON WHICH DATE HE EXPECTED TO LEAVE
FOR ROME FOR THE CANONIZATION OF LEBANON'S ST. CHARBEL. HIS
PREFERRED DAYS FOR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE
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SECRETARY ARE OCT 4, 5, OR 6, (AFTER HIS UN SPEECH ON OCT 3)
BUT HE COULD STAY A DAY OR TWO LONGER IF NECESSARY. HE COULD
ALSO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY THE WEEK BEFORE
HIS SPEECH, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LIKE TO BE PRESENT DURING THE
SYRIAN AND EGYPTIAN UNGA SPEECHES ON SEP 28 AND 29
AND ATTEND A MEETING OF ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN NEW YORK
ON SEP 30.

3. BOUTROS EMPHASIZED THAT HE WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY OTHER LEBANESE DURING THESE CALLS, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO OBJECTION

IF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAVE THEIR ADVISORS PRESENT. BOUTROS EXPLAINED RUEFULLY THAT HE COULD NOT TAKE ONE ADVISOR WITH HIM WITHOUT TAKING THE WHOLE GROUP AND, IF HE DID THE LATTER, WHATEVER WAS SAID IN THE MEETING WOULD BECOME PUBLIC IN A MATTER OF HOURS. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE AN INTERPRETER.

4. BOUTROS SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE BRINGING A DRAFT PEACE TREATY WITH HIM, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE SOME SPECIFIC ORAL SUGGESTIONS. GIVEN THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN LEBANON, IT WAS SIMPLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DRAFT SUCH A DOCUMENT. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID LEBANON WISHED TO RETAIN ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION. HE SAID THAT I COULD ALSO REPORT THAT "I HAD BEEN INFORMED" THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT BE BRINGING A DRAFT TREATY EITHER.

5. FINALLY, BOUTROS MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SOME SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN DURING HIS STAY IN THE STATES.

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